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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
CHIEF FOR WESTERN EUROPE (DEL PINO) SAID THE VISIT HERE
OF SWEDISH MFA PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY ASTROM (REFTEL)
REPRESENTED A VERY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN SWEDEN'S ATTITUDE.
DEL PINO SAID IT WAS ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF VISITS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES (A TWO-MAN SPANISH MFA TEAM WENT TO
STOCKHOLM IN 1975), BUT THE SWEDES HAD UNILATERALLY RAISED
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THE LEVEL: "EVERYONE WANTS TO BE OUR FRIEND NOW", HE
ADDED, SAYING ALSO THAT THE SPANISH HAD INDICATED THAT
FOR THEIR PART THEY DID NOT GO FROM COLD TO HOT SO FAST.

2. ASIDE FROM THE RESIDUE OF POLITICAL RESENTMENT, SAID
DEL PINO, BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE GOOD, FREE OF SPECIFIC
CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, AND WITH TRADE AND TOURISM AT GOOD

LEVELS; SPAIN HAD AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL CENTER IN GOTEBOG. AGAINST AN IMPLIED BACKGROUND OF SWEDISH CALLS FOR THE PAST TO BE FORGOTTEN, DEL PINO OBSERVED THAT THOSE WHO STRESS FORGETTING ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT IN FACT FORGOTTEN. CALLING THE MATTER "TRAGI-COMIC", HE SAID A MONUMENT TO SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR WAS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN STOCKHOLM IN JUNE; THE SPANISH HAD MADE KNOWN TO THE SWEDES, WITHOUT COMMENT, THEIR AWARENESS OF THE PROJECT, HE SAID, ADDING THAT IT MIGHT WELL BE THE WORK OF A MUNICIPAL OR OTHER NON-CENTRAL-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.

3. IN CONTRAST, VISITING SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL BERNT CARLSSON WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE SPANISH GOVT'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE PSOE'S "HISTORICAL" FACTION TO USE THE PARTY NAME WITH THE WORD HISTORICAL IN PARENTHESES AFTER IT. AS QUOTED IN EL PAIS, CARLSSON SCORED THE DECISION AS A GOVT EFFORT TO THWART THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE SOCIALISTS, AND SAID "THE SPANISH GOVT HAS SHOWN THAT IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND HOW A DEMOCRACY FUNCTIONS IN EUROPE". THE HISTORICOS PROMPTLY ISSUED A PROTEST OF "THE INTERJECTION OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SPANISH SOCIALISTS".EATON

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